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Applicants: Junzo SUNAMOTO et al

For: HIGH PURITY POLYSACCHARIDE CONTAINING A
HYDROPHOBIC GROUP AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING IT

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In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2004,
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